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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
09/430,756

Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
Mitra Aryanpour

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**--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment dated 5/18/2001 (not entered)
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9
3. ☒ The drawings filed on Oct 29, 1999 are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☒ Some\*    c) ☒ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION.** This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.**

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                        | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                     |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                    | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____                        |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____          | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                             |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <del>8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</del> |
| 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                       |                                                                                                |

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John B. Dickman on June 12, 2001.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-8 have been canceled and new claim 9 has been added instead.

[ -] Claim 9 A trajectory training device for demonstrating the correct arc for a player's ball when shooting a basket, comprising:

a hoop of a size to allow a player to shoot a ball through it without interference;

means for supporting said hoop at a height over a player's head;

a base means for supporting said support means in a vertical position, and where said base means supports said support means such that said hoop extends beyond said base means to allow a player to stand under said hoop without being interfered with by said base means;

said base means having a T-shape wherein a pair of elements form a cross member and a longer member connected to said cross member between said pair of elements, said longer member having a free end to which said support means is connected;

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said hoop is adjustable on said support means to raise or lower the height of said hoop;

a "T" coupling having opposed ends; and

said hoop comprises a series of flexible, plastic members removably attached together and formed into a circular hoop having its free ends inserted into the opposed ends of said "T" coupling and removably attached thereto to maintain the circular hoop shape. ~~[-]~~

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 9 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does show the hoop means comprising a series of members removably attached together and formed into a circular hoop having free ends inserted into the opposed ends of a "T" coupling and removably attached thereto to maintain the circular hoop shape.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### *Conclusion*

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitra Aryanpour whose telephone number is (703) 308-3550. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7768.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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June 12, 2001

  
JEANETTE CHAPMAN  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER  
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